

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF  
PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 01, 2024**



*Preaching the love of the Lord and teaching  
the people of Christ in the heart of Royal Oak  
since 1873 to Equip, Support, Serve, and  
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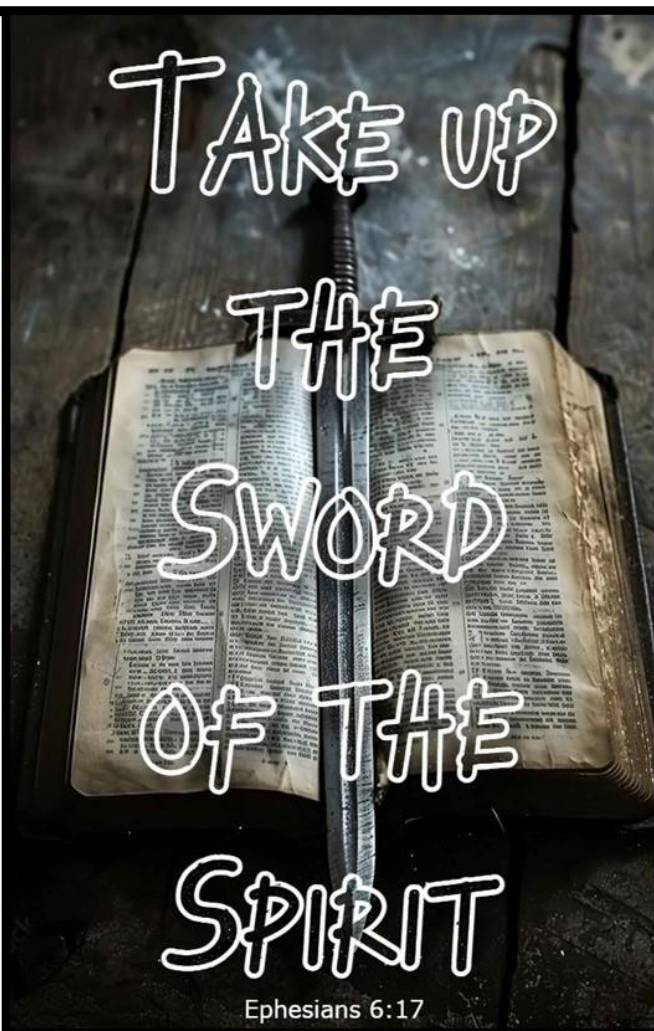
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## **Prelude**

## **Opening Hymn**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Sit/Kneel for a time of private confession...*

## **Confession and Absolution**

- P** 1 Timothy 1 says this: God's law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient,
- C** **for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane...**
- P** It is because of our unholiness that we cannot conjure up a heart that loves God above all things.
- C** **It is because of our lawlessness that we cannot truly fear God or love others as we ought to.**
- P** There is no merit we can produce to free us from our own sin or to keep the law of God pure.
- C** **For God's law brings wrath (Rom. 4:15) of which we cannot by our own reason or strength satisfy or flee from. Dear Lord, give us the promise of the forgiveness of sins on account of Christ who was given in order to make satisfaction for the sins of the world. Grant us the faith to be faithful; a love to be loving; and a joy to be joyful through Jesus Christ, the mediator between life and death.**
- P** This faith given to you uses the benefits of Christ, renews the heart, fulfills the law. Do not run from the Lord. Do not flee from God. Face him and see your forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

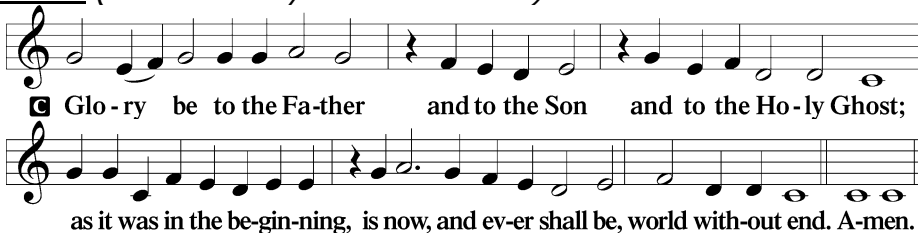
## **Introit**

*Psalm 119: 29, 31-32, 35*

- L** Your testimonies are | wonderful;\*
- C** **therefore my soul | keeps them.**
- L** I open my | mouth and pant,\*
- C** **because I long for your com- | mandments.**
- L** Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*
- C** **as is your way with those who | love your name.**
- L** Make your face shine upon your | servant,\*
- C** **and teach me your | statutes.**

## **Gloria Patri** (Latin for "Glory be to the Father")

*LSB 186*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## **Kyrie** (Latin for "Lord" – a cry to God)

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## **Hymn of Praise**

### "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 594

5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

## **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9*

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

*Ephesians 6:10–20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Confession of the Church

*Augsburg Confession; Article IV: Justification*

**P** In the last chapter of Luke (24:47), Christ commands the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins in his name.

**C** **The Law accuses all people of being under sin and subject to eternal wrath and death.**

**P** But for Christ's sake, the Gospel offers the forgiveness of sins and justification which are received by faith.

**C** In the midst of our sin (of which our heart dispenses all kinds of evil), we must receive divine consolation.

**P** This happens when we believe the promise of Christ, namely,

**C** that on his account we have the forgiveness of sins.

**P** This faith, which arises and consoles in the midst of those fears,

**C** receives the forgiveness of sins, justifies us, and makes us alive.

**P** By the constant work of the Holy Spirit,

**C** we are freed from death and new life is produced within our heart.

**Sermon Hymn**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

**Sermon**

"The Unlikely Hero"

Ephesians 6:10

*Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor*

## Offertory

LSB 192



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give  
at [www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving),

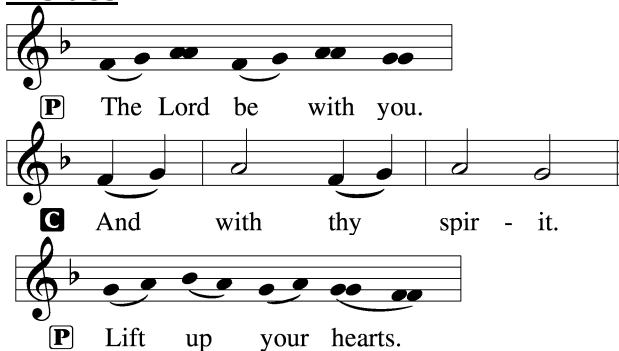


## Prayer of the Church

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

## Preface

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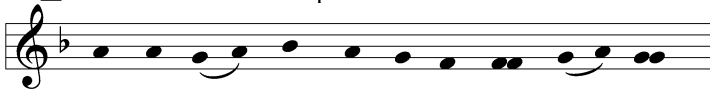


**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.





**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### **Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who walked the way of suffering, took up His cross, and gave Himself as the ransom for the entire world, bringing forgiveness and life to all who believe. Bless us now in the public confession of our belief and remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Mt. 6:9-11*

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei** (*Latin for "Lamb of God"*)

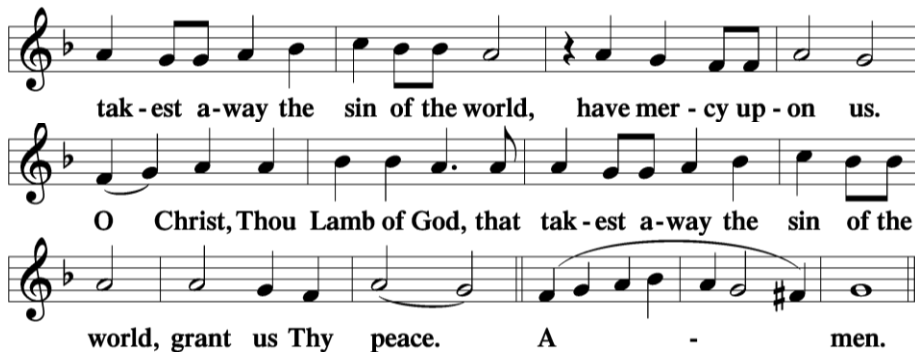
*LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

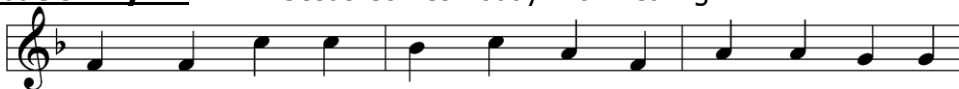
**Distribution Hymn**

**"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"**

*LSB 666*



1 O lit-tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad-ly  
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be-longs To Him who  
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
 4 A-men, Lord Je-sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap-tain,  
 seeks your o-ver-throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
 can a-venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 hell's sa-tan-ic crew A-gainst us shall pre-vail.  
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a-gain!  
 And though your cour-age some-times faints, His seem-ing  
 Though hid-den yet from mor-tal eyes, His Gid-eon  
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa-cade! God is with  
 So shall Thy saints and mar-tyrs raise A might-y  
 tri-umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit-tle hour.  
 shall for you a-rise, Up-hold you and His Word.  
 us and we with God— Our vic-t'ry can-not fail.  
 cho-rus to Thy praise For-ev-er-more. A-men.

**Distribution Hymn****“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”***LSB 620*

1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call.  
 Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me,  
 Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
 Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error,  
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

**Post-Communion Collect****Benediction***LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giving To God ever-living,  
The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.  
The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,  
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.  
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing  
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

### Serving us in Worship

Preacher	Pastor Jakob Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul
Altar Guild	Mike Hammon, Dave Hemming
Reader	Ginny Brown
Elders	Brian Hermann, Jim Schultz

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